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SUBJ: CYPRUS: FONMIN TETENES' PRESS CONFERENCE

1. AT WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 9 FM SPYROS TETENES REPLIED TO QUERY THAT "PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR LAGAKOS AT MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GENERAL GRIVAS COULD HAVE NO OTHER MEANING WHATSOEVER THAN THE REPRESENTATION OF GREECE AT A SERVICE IN MEMORY OF A NATIONAL HERO. ANY OTHER INTERPRETATION, FROM NO MATTER WHERE IT EMANATES, IS NATIONALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND DISRESPECTFUL TO THE MEMORY OF THE DECEASED." IN REPLY TO FURTHER QUESTION ON EULOGY DURING MEMORIAL SERVICE, TETENES SAID "GOG'S POLICY ON CYPRUS ISSUE HAS BEEN CLEARLY AND CATEGORICALLY REPEATED IN MY STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 16, 1974 TO WHICH I REFER YOU." (ATHENS 1048). ATHENS NEWS AGENCY AND OTHER PRESS ACCOUNTS WROTE THAT TETENES AT THAT TIME STATED THAT GOG CONTINUES FIRMLY IN SUPPORT OF INTER-CYPRIOT TALKS FOR FINDING PEACEFUL SOLUTION ENSURING AN INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN AND UNITARY STATE AND THAT IT CONDEMNED VIOLENCE FROM ANY QUARTER AS MEANS OF IMPOSING POLITICAL SOLUTION TO CYPRUS ISSUE.

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2. MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR GENERAL GRIVAS MARCH 10 IN ATHENS AND THESSALONIKI OCCURRED WITHOUT INCIDENT. SERVICE AT ATHENS CATHEDRAL ATTENDED BY MRS. GRIVAS, MINISTER TO PRIME MINISTER, C. RALLIS, MAYOR OF ATHENS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CYPRIOT ORGANIZATIONS IN GREECE. FOLLOWING FUNERAL ORATION BY CHAIRMAN OF ASSOCIATION OF CYPRIOTS IN GREECE, KALOKASIDIS, RALLIS, MRS. GRIVAS AND OTHERS PLACED WREATHS ON CATHEDRAL CENOTAPH. GROUP OF ABOUT THIRTY YOUTHS LED "ECOSIS" CHANTS IN CATHEDRAL AND AFTERWARDS ON FRONT STEPS WHERE GROUP SWELLED TO ABOUT 200. RAINFALL KEPT CROWD DOWN. ABOUT 25 POLICE PRESENT BUT ATMOSPHERE WAS RELAXED.

3. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS REPORTED MARCH 9 DENKTASH'S STATEMENT ON INTERVENTION OF TURKISH MILITARY UNLESS AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AND HIS COMMENT THAT GOG RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL IMPASSE. TETENES IN HIS SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE APPARENTLY CHOSE NOT TO RESPOND DIRECTLY. TASCA

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